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September 20, 2001

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45 - State Commission Certification for USF  
(47 U.S.C. 254(e); 47 CFR 54.314)

Dear Ms. Salas and Ms. Flannery:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, adopted on May 10, 2001, and released on May 23, 2001, this letter is written to certify that the following rural incumbent local exchange carrier, also classified as an eligible telecommunications carrier, should continue to receive federal high-cost support funds in 2002 in accordance with the above referenced statute and federal rule:

Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc.  
(SAC: 623021)  
Paual Tower, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1001 Bishop Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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The company has certified to the Hawaii State Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that it will only use the federal high-cost support for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 United States Code § 254(e). See attachment. Thus, based on the company's submission, the Commission certifies that the funds received for the federal high-cost support will only be used as intended under federal law.

If this letter does not fully satisfy the requirements for state certification for carriers to receive high-cost support for 2002, we hereby request a waiver of the October 1, 2001 deadline to correct any deficiencies.

Please contact Mr. Paul Shigenaga, Administrative Director, at (808) 586-2028 to address any questions that you may have.

Very truly yours,



Dennis R. Yamada  
Chairman

DY:LK:ac

c: Albert S.N. Hee, President  
Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc.  
(w/o attachment)

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**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT  
SANDWICH ISLES COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
PURSUANT TO FCC ORDER NO. 01-157**

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Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires that an eligible telecommunications carrier receiving federal universal service support "shall use that support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." In FCC Order No. 01-157 issued May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission concluded "that states should be required to file annual certification with the Commission to ensure that carriers use universal service support 'only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended' consistent with Section 254(e)." Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, ¶187. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath as follows:

1. I am an officer of Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc., which is an eligible telecommunications carrier for receiving federal universal service support under Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. All federal universal service support funds received by Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The company will continue to comply for the period January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, to be eligible for federal universal service support.

3. This Certification Statement is provided to the State of Hawaii Public Utilities Commission to enable the Commission to certify to the Federal Communications Commission that federal universal service support received by Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

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Date

[Signature]  
Signature  
Albert S.N. Hee, President  
Print Name and Title

STATE OF HAWAII )  
 ) ss  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU )

On this 12th day of September, 2001, before me personally appeared Albert S.N. Hee, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

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[Signature]  
Notary Public, State of Hawaii  
Joycelynn P. S. Costa  
Print Name  
My Commission Expires: 2-1-2004